

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

**ABSTRACT**

Agriculture & Co-operation Department – Conduct of GM crop field trails-  
No Objection Certificate (NOC) from State Government –Constitution of a  
New Committee-Orders- Issued .

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**AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (AGRI-III) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 496**

**Dated: 27/10/2015**

**Read the following:-**

- 1) G.O.Rt.No.840, A&C(Agri-III)Dept, dt 21-7-2011,
- 2) G.O.Rt.No.1175, A&C(Agri-III)Dept, dt 21-10-2011
- 3) Letter from Director, Central Research Institute for Dry Land  
Agriculture, Hyderabad, F.No.CRIDA/ MOEF/2014,  
dt.05.05.2014 & 12-12-2014.

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**ORDER:**

In the recent past Bio-technology has become an important source of crop improvement and BT research is progressing at an accelerated pace not only all over the world but requires encouragement in the State of Telangana also. The system of regulating BT research is fairly well established at Government of India level Scientific Institutions, universities and Bio-technology companies have been conducting basic trails (strip test) and larger bio-safety research trials(BRL) 1 and 2 in the State, based on the approvals given by the Review Committee on Genetically Modified Crops(RCGM) and Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC).Standard Operating Procedures(SOPs) set up at Government of India level is being followed by the State agencies also. While RCGM & GEAC permitted Bio-technology trails all over the country till 2010-11, But after they have altered the method and seeking permission from the State Government.

The Director & Head Division of Crop Sciences & Prl. Transgenic Sorghum Project, (ICAR) Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture Hyderabad, informed that Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee has considered and approved the application for conducting trails at CRIDA, Hyderabad seeking No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the State Government (Agriculture Department) for obtaining approval letter from RCGM for conduct of GM crop field trails.

Government hereby constitute a New Committee for GM Crops field trials with the following members to review the situation from time to time and also to reflect on the requests for Bio-technology trials(Institutional Strip Tests and also BRLs)

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| 1. APC & Secretary to Govt.<br>Agriculture & Cooperation Department.                         | ... | Chairman         |
| 2. Director of Agriculture<br>Hyderabad.   | ... | Member/ Convener |
| 3. Director of Research, Professor<br>Jayashankar Telangana State<br>Agricultural University | ... | Member           |
| 4. Spl. Secretary ,Environment,<br>Forest, Science & Technology<br>Department.               | ... | Member           |

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| 5 | Nominee of Director, CCMB,<br>Hyderabad.   | ... | Member |
| 6 | Commissioner of Horticulture,<br>Hyderabad | ... | Member |

**( BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)**

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**APC & SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The APC & Secretary to Government, Agriculture & Co-operation Department  
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad  
The Special Secretary Environment , Forest, Science & Technology Department  
Telangana Secretariat  
The Director of Agriculture , Telangana State, Hyderabad  
The Registrar & Special Officer, Professor Jayashankar Telangana State  
Agricultural University , Hyderabad.  
The Director, Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology ,Hubsiguda, Hyderabad  
The Commissioner of Horticulture, Telangana State ,Hyderabad

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